

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of :  
  
**Manabu OKU,** :  
**Kouichi KAWATANI,** : **A GAS REFORMER FOR**  
**Takeshi UTSUNOMIYA** : **RECOVERY OF HYDROGEN**  
**and Tsutomu SEKI** :  
  
Serial No. Not Yet Assigned :  
  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please insert a section heading as follows.**

**On page 1, after the section heading BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**and before the first complete paragraph, please insert the following heading:**

Field of the Invention

REMARKS

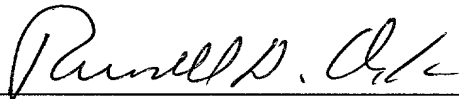
A minor amendment has been made to the specification to bring the application into conformance with standard United States Patent practice.

Examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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